

Message

From: Groeneveld, Thomas [Groeneveld.Thomas@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/29/2019 8:12:10 PM
To: Symmes, Brian [Symmes.Brian@epa.gov]
CC: Winchester, Erik [Winchester.Erik@epa.gov]; Courtnage, Robert [Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV]; Carmichael, Lea [Carmichael.Lea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: New Correspondence AX-19-000 [***Asbestos***]
Attachments: AX-19-000-4337_Asbestos_Reinstein_04.29.2019_TRACKED-COMMENTS.docx; control AX-10-000-4337 for REINSTIEN, Linda re. Commitment to ban asbestos under TSCA.pdf; correspondence 19-000-4337 for REINSTEIN, Linda re. Commitment to ban asbestos under TSCA in lieu of.pdf

FOB and I took the first cut at this.

The attached has some notes on sourcing (where ***not*** specified, it's from our more detailed/internal bullets) and suggested additions.

Please let me know what you think – Tom

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1 comment

From: Courtnage, Robert
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Tom- This looks fine to me. Although I understand Lea's point, I suggest keeping the text about the RE. ADAO continues to gloss over in their public statements that EPA is undergoing a risk evaluation and, as per statute, is going through that process before pursuing any risk management, including a ban. Their narrative has been that EPA should have banned asbestos already and that the Agency is at fault for not doing so. This is not accurate so I don't think it hurts to have a written response that reiterates this point.

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Hi Tom,

This response looks good to me. I am not sure what transpired between the AA and ADAO, so I cannot comment on references to that conversation. The only general comment I have is wondering how much detail to share about RE because she is well aware of the RE, and I wouldn't want her to feel that we are insulting her intelligence. Perhaps it would be better to reiterate a response to the section 21 petition rather than general RE process?

Lea

From: Groeneveld, Thomas
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2019 1:34 PM
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Importance: High

No feedback from OPPT IO, but the attached is my attempt at the very light reply. It draws from the top-line and internal talking points; unless noted, I used the internal text since it was more formal.

Please let me know what you think. I'll then pass to Brian and cc: all. (And try to bet one page, if possible)

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Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:54 AM
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Cc: Symmes, Brian <Symmes.Brian@epa.gov>
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Forwarding for consideration since: (1) Alex spoke with Linda the day that the asbestos SNUR published (after the attached correspondence was received); and (2) the asbestos Section 21 response is due on April 30.

We're thinking our reply can be a "thanks – as we discussed" and some key points from the SNUR/Section 21 comms, but the Administrator's April 9 hearing testimony cited in the letter is accurate, albeit truncated (link and timing signatures below).

Please let me know if you want to discuss – Tom

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In lieu of transcript (anyone?), the Pallone Q/A starts at 53:00. He sets up Y/N exchanges and the asbestos question cited in letter is just after 54:00.

<https://energycommerce.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-on-the-fiscal-year-2020-epa-budget>

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The first thing I'd like to know is exactly what the Administrator said at the hearing ---

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Thanks, Lea.

We'll factor all of this into next steps – if any.

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From: Carmichael, Lea

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Also note that ECB is leading the response to the second section 21 petition, which will publish by April 30th...perhaps we should discuss.

From: Groeneveld, Thomas

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To: Symmes, Brian <Symmes.Brian@epa.gov>

Cc: Winchester, Erik <Winchester.Erik@epa.gov>; Courtnage, Robert <Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV>; Carmichael, Lea <Carmichael.Lea@epa.gov>

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Distribution SNAFU.

The attached pre-dates publication of the final SNUR and invokes Congressional testimony that supports a “ban” on ongoing uses. Are the Alex talking points and other comms sufficient to get started?

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Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 2:57 PM

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Subject: RE: New Correspondence AX-19-000

I am sending you the Reinstein document and putting in for an extension. Also, I will find the office to do the BPA document.

Control Number: AX-19-000-4337

Control Subject: Commitment to ban asbestos under TSCA in lieu of Significant New Use

Rule

From: Reinstein, Linda

Due Date: April 25, 2019

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Importance: High

Hi, Rhoda.

I sent the Hosni/Formaldehyde letter this morning, but do not recall seeing the Reinstein/Asbestos incoming. We would need an extension for the Reinstein/Asbestos letter.

And – BPA is not an NPCD chemical. Not sure what office should address (sorry!).

Please let me know how best to proceed.

Thanks – Tom

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Hello Tom and Brian:

Are these 3 documents in your office? Your office should have received them on the same day. The letter from Mr. Hosni, I know that you have, because you asked about it. Could you let me know about the other 2. I believe that I sent them to you. When I look to see where the correspondence is located, the system doesn't show the location at this time. Therefore if you could let me know the location of the documents it would be appreciate.

Control Number: AX-19-00-4354 (Do you need an extension?)

Control Subject: EPA regulations on the use of formaldehyde glue in wood by products

From: HOSNI, Ahmed A.

Due Date: April 26, 2019

Control Number: AX-19-000-4337 (Do you need an extension?)

Control Subject: Commitment to ban asbestos under TSCA in lieu of a Significant New Use Rule

From: Reinstein, Linda

Due Date: April 25, 2019

Control Number: AX-19-000-4479

Control Subject: Bisphenol A in dentures

From: SORG, James & SORG, Laura

Due Date: May 1, 2019

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